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POLAND: Three-Way Consultations

The participants in the meeting last ... the of the leaders of the party, the Church, and Solidarity took a first step toward creating a permanent council for consultation and cooperation.

The three men--party leader Jaruzelski, Archbishop Glemp, and Solidarity leader Walesa--discussed for more than two hours the possibility of setting up a Front of National Agreement and agreed to hold further "business-like consultations." It is not clear when and at what level these discussions will be held.

that Solidarity considers Jaruzelski's proposed Front a step in the right direction. He said, however, that the union remains committed to the establishment of its own "Economic and Social Council," but provided no sense of how the union views the relationship between the two bodies. He also suggested that many in the union leadership have become more flexible over the terms for Solidarity's participation in any joint council.

Walesa apparently presented the results of yester-day's talks to the union's National Commission, which had suspended its deliberations while Walesa was in Warsaw. His report must have been well received because, while the Commission was critical of the government on some issues, it resolved to suspend protests--presumably including strikes--for three months. No mechanism is mentioned, however, to ensure compliance with the no-protest resolution.

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